from the Adivasis Gothra Sabha and Adivasi Kshema Samithy, who had encroached into the Anmboothi and Thakarappadi areas of the Muthanga Wildlife Sanctuary, Wayanad District.

(c) and (d) According to the information available with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, the genesis of the encroachment of land by the tribal within the Wildlife Sancturay in Wayanad district was an agreement arrived at between the State Government and Adivasi Dalit Samara Samithi leaders on 16.10.2001. After an initial assignment of land in Idduki and a few other places, the State Government reportedly found it difficult to allot land to tribals, as either suitable land was not available or because the land identified for assignment was mostly vested forest land.

(e) and (f) The National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have already taken cognizance of the issue and submitted a report, wherein the Commission has given several recommendations for consideration by the State Government, including the ordering of a magisterial inquiry about the necessity to open fire against the tribals.

Regularisation of illegal colonies

1983. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 1,600 odd unauthorized colonies are straining the city's infrastructure;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to regualrize the illegal colonies;

(c) whether the former Urban Development Minister had given any affidavit in court that there must be plans to private services before regularizing these plans; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) The Government of NCT of Delhi has

[illegible] that there were about 1071 unautorised colonies in existence in Delhi as on 31.3.1993. The Union Government has already agreed, in principle, for regularisation of those unauthorised colonies which have come up in Delhi upto 31.3.1993 and which conforms to the guidelines formulated for the purpose.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to (c) above.

[illegible] of water bodies in NCT of Delhi

[illegible] SINGH:
[illegible] ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that water reservoirs in the National Capital Territory of Delhi has been depleting almost every year rapidly;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years; and

(c) the steps Government have taken to arrest the depletion in the water level during that period and with what result?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Conversion of properties from leasehold to Freehold

[illegible] SHRI R.K. ANAND:
[illegible] SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that DDA had opened a conversion scheme with [illegible] rates for making residential properties from leasehold to freehold in March/April, 2002;

(b) whether lakhs of people owning plot/homes/flats in areas under the [illegible] have been deprived of this right;